

CHAPTER NO. 200
(Corrected Version)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1099

By Representatives Black, Brown, Bowers, Cooper, Henri Brooks, Pruitt, Langster, Ulysses Jones, Larry Turner, Miller, John DeBerry, Towns, Shaw, Vaughn, Patton, Casada, Dunn, Armstrong, Lois DeBerry, Curtiss, Sargent, Baird, Phillip Johnson, Newton, Hagood, Shepard, Gresham, Kent, Todd

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1685

By Senators Dixon, Crowe, Ford, Harper, McLeary, Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23, relative to insurance coverage for colorectal cancer early detection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, chapter 7, part 23, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

56-7-2363.

(a) All individual and group health insurance policies providing coverage on an expense incurred basis, individual and group service contracts issued by a health maintenance organization, all self-insured group arrangements to the extent not preempted by federal law and all managed health care delivery entities of any type or description, that are delivered or issued on or after January 1, 2004, in this state shall include, or shall offer to prospective policyholders and existing policyholders on renewal, as an optional benefit, coverage for colorectal cancer examinations and laboratory tests specified in current American Cancer Society guidelines or U.S. Preventive Services Task Force guidelines for colorectal cancer screening of asymptomatic individuals.

(b) The benefits required by this section shall be subject to the annual deductible and co-insurance established for all other similar benefits within the policy or contract, provided that the annual deductible and co-insurance for the benefits required by this section are no greater than the annual deductible and co-insurance established for all other similar benefits within that policy or contract of insurance.

(c) Nothing in this section shall apply to the TennCare program administered pursuant to the waivers approved by the United States department of health and human services, to accident-only, specified disease, hospital indemnity, Medicare supplement, long-term care or other limited benefit health insurance policies, or to any health benefit that is individually underwritten.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 14, 2003



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24th day of June 2003



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR